GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PETROL/DIESEL CESS COLLECTIONS OF MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of petrol-diesel cess collected from Mumbai during last two years;

(b) is it true that Mumbai does not have major highways;

(c) what is the amount of such cess collected for Prime Minister`s Golden Quadrilateral Project from Mumbai during last two years;

(d) the amount that has been spent on Mumbai from such cess;

(e) what are the guidelines in this regard;

(f) whether special guidelines, relaxation of norms for a city like Mumbai are being considered;

(g) whether any requests were received from MPs; and

(h) the details thereof and the response thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI]

(a) As per information received from Ministry of Finance the Cess collection by Mumbai Commissionerate during2000-2001 was Rs. 245.49 crore and during 2001-2002(upto November 2001) is Rs. 147.22crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) As per CRF Act 2000, 57.5% of the total amount accrued from 50% of total cess on diesel and 100% cesson petrol is allocated for development and maintenance of National Highways. This amount is generally allocated by the Ministry for National Highways Development Project (NHDP)As per guidelines for CRF, the amount received from cess is not required to be earmarked for region from where it is collected. Amounts received from cess for NHDP during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 are Rs. 2100 crore and Rs. 2000 crore respectively.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) & (h) Yes, Sir. Request from one Member of Parliament for considering approval of 3 works on Eastern Expressway on Mumbai, as a special case under Central Road Fund (CRF) has been received.The guidelines of CRF for improvement of State roads provides approval of schemes for improvement of roads in urban areas like Mumbai city if recommended by the State Government concerned. These three proposals for Mumbai city recommended by the Hon`ble Member of Parliament have not been recommended by the State Government of Maharashtra. State Government has been requested to consider these proposals for recommendations appropriately. However, four works in Mumbai city on Eastern and Western Expressway aggregating to an amount of Rs. 7.11 crore have already been approved.